

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

GLEN H. PETERS

WHEREAS, Glen H. Peters served as a member of the Macomb County Board of Education - which eventually became the Macomb County Intermediate School District Board of Education - beginning in 1951, and continued until his retirement in 1987, ending a 37-year career in education, including nearly a quarter century as its president; and

WHEREAS, under Glen H. Peters' leadership, the Macomb County Intermediate School District positively changed the perception of special education within the county and the state, through establishing training for Macomb County's children with special needs, who had been previously kept hidden at home or in institutions; and

WHEREAS, during Glen H. Peters' career, he tirelessly campaigned for Macomb County children with severe disabilities, and joined with Macomb County parents to lobby the state Legislature to set high standards for special education - the resulting law becoming a model for national legislation; and

WHEREAS, as a lasting testament to his profession, Glen H. Peters was intimately involved in state school reorganization efforts - consolidating 73 school districts into the present 21 districts Macomb County now serves, and helped to initiate plans for Macomb Community College; and

WHEREAS, as further lasting evidence of his dedication, the Macomb County Intermediate School District created its first special education school in 1973, naming it the Glen H. Peters School; and

WHEREAS, even in retirement, Glen H. Peters continued to be active in several organizations, including the Traffic Safety Association of Macomb, the Base Community Council at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, L'Anse Creuse Kiwanis, and the Masonic Lodge in Mount Clemens; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education was saddened to hear of the untimely death of Glen H. Peters on May 6; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extends to the family of Glen H. Peters its deepest sympathies, its highest regard, and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise this dedicated educator brought to the children of Macomb County, and the state of Michigan, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education publicly states that Michigan school board members follow the example of Glen H. Peters, a true pillar of the Macomb County community and clear beacon for all of Michigan's educational leaders.



Adopted June 13, 2002

Kathleen N. Straus, President

Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman